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To provide for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture research program to enhance and develop the nitrogen-fixing ability of legumes and other commercial crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH**

4 **PROGRAM ON NITROGEN-FIXING BY PLANTS.**

5 (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agri-

6 culture shall make it a priority to establish a research pro-

7 gram, directly or through grants—

1 (1) to enhance the nitrogen-fixing ability and
2 efficiency of legumes;

3 (2) to develop new varieties of legumes that fix
4 nitrogen more efficiently; and

5 (3) to develop new varieties of other commer-
6 cially important crops that potentially are able to fix
7 nitrogen.

8 (b) FUNDING SOURCE.—From funds available to the
9 Secretary for agricultural research, the Secretary shall use
10 not less than \$5,000,000 to carry out this section.

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